



**Edinburgh Agglomeration: Draft Noise Action Plan
Response from Environmental Protection Scotland
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Environmental Protection Scotland brings together individuals and organisation across the public, private and voluntary sectors to discuss and promote ideas, knowledge and solutions to achieve our aims of a cleaner, quieter, healthier, sustainable Scotland. We are a registered charity that informs debate, provides impartial advice and policy updates based on sound science and research in the fields of air quality, land quality and noise. Our noise works promotes integrated policies and practices that protects and enhances the quality of Scotland's environment and resources as well as supporting an understanding and the effective management on noise in Scotland.

It is our view that noise action planning is:

- Prioritised by the Scottish Government and at all levels of local authorities with clear input and direction from senior management. This would then allow clear links to be developed within departments for managing sources of environmental noise.
- embedded in regional and national strategic planning
- informed by expert groups

General Comments

Environmental Protection Scotland welcomes the Draft Noise Action Plan for the Edinburgh Agglomeration. We would like to commend the Edinburgh Noise Working Group and SENSG for the work taken since the last round of mapping to identify Noise Management Areas and Quiet Areas. EPS hope that this new draft plan is supported by sufficient resources to implement the proposed actions listed in Section 5.6.

We note a new Local Transport Strategy will be developed in 2014 and we hope that it includes provisions within this Draft Noise Action Plan. Similarly we hope that local authority and Scottish Government colleagues working on this action plan work closely with air quality colleagues with the aim of integrating and developing both sets of action plans.

Environmental Protection Scotland would like to congratulate the Working Group and SENSG for producing another set of clear, concise strategic noise maps from a multitude of data.

We would like to see both SENSG and the Working Group to proactively communicate this information to the public so that they are aware of what is happening in their region and to ensure that action planning is widely understood by the public.



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